

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph requested in the preliminary amendment filed January 20, 2006 to be inserted on page 1, paragraph 1, before the first paragraph should be amended as follows:

This application claims the benefit of the filing of International Application No. PCT/AU2004/001014, filed July 30, 2004; which in turn claims the benefit of Australian Patent Application Nos. 2003903968 filed July 31, 2003 and ~~2001302416~~ 2004902116 filed April 21, 2004.

The first full paragraph of page 10 should be amended as follows:

A command, control and communication system 600 suitable for any embodiment of the vehicle, is depicted in FIG. 13. The system includes a processing unit or CPU 601 connected to a read only memory ROM 602 having an executive control program 603 and connected to a random access memory RAM 604 having a data log area 605. The computer based system 600 controls all aspects of the vehicle, including steering and navigation by a navigation control system 606, management of power consumption and distribution by a power management system 608, management of propulsion systems 607 by a propulsion control system 609, voyage planning and execution by a vehicle control system ~~604~~610, control and data collection of various and varied payloads and sensors 611 (as described above) by a payload/sensor control system 612. A communication control system 613 is provided with a communications interface 614 to various communications transceivers 615 (as described above)[[.]]. The navigation control system 606 is also coupled to a global positioning system (GPS) receiver 616 to determine vehicle position.